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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TOKYO

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED PROPOSED SCHEDULE (REFTEL) FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH FONOFF FIRST NA DIV HEAD FUKADA, WHO MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT.

2. BASIC ELEMENTS AND TIME FRAME OF SCHEDULE ARE FULLY ACCEPTABLE, WITH ONE EXCEPTION: FUKADA ASKED IF SECRETARY'S COMMITMENTS FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY OCT. 24 COULD BE REVERSED, I.E., OPENING SESSION OF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD DURING MORNING, AND MEETINGS WITH TANAKA AND OHIRA IF AFTERNOON. REASON IS THAT OHIRA IS COMMITTED TO MEETING AND SEEING OFF MALAYSIAN PRIMIN IN MORNING AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTILL 1100. IF THIS REVERSAL IN SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE, FONOFF PROPOSES THAT SECRETARY MEET WITH OHIRA FROM 2:30 TO 4:30 PM AND WITH TANAKA FROM 5:00 TO 5:45 PM (THOUGH ORDER COULD BE REVERSED IF TANAKA SO PREFERS WHEN SUBJECT IS RAISED WITH HIM). QUERY: WOULD SECRETARY AGREE TO MEETINGS WITH TANAKA AND OHIRA IN AFTERNOON RATHER THAN MORNING?

3. FUKADA SAID OHIRA'S OFFICE IS ALREADY HOLDING EVENING OF OCT. 24 FOR OHIRA'S DINNER IN HONOR OF SECRETARY. TENTATIVE PLAN IS THAT THIS DINNER WILL BE JAPANESE STYLE, AND TAKE SECRET

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PLACE FORM 8:00 TO 10:00 PM, THOUGH TIMING IF OF COURSE FLEXIBLE.

4. FUKADA SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH AICHI'S OFFICE TO

REQUEST MEETING FROM 8:30 TO 9:30 ON OCTOBER 25.

5. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF PROBING, FUKADA INDICATED THAT OHIRA WOULD NOT EXPECT SECRETARY TO OFFER ANY RETURN HOSPITALITY, AND IN ANY CASE OHIRA ALREADY HAS TWO DINNER ENGAGEMENTS FOR EVENING OF OCT. 25. EMBASSY DID NOT DISCUSS WITH FUKADA POSSIBILITY OF AMBASSADOR HOSTING RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE LEADERS. OUR RECOMMENDATION (REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTEL) IS THAT SUCH RECEPTION, THOUGH BY NO MEANS NECESSARY, MIGHT HAVE UTILITY AS DEVICE FOR ACCOMMODATING REQUESTS FROM JAPANESE NOTABLES WHO MAY ASK TO MEET SECRETARY. IF SECRETARY DOES DECIDE IN FAVOR OF RECEPTION, WE SUGGEST IT BE HELD AT RESIDENCE FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24 (VICE OCT. 25), JUST PRIOR TO OHIRA'S DINNER. THIS TIMING WOULD THEN PERMIT AMBASSADOR TO HOST DINNER FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION AND WIVES AT RESIDENCE ON FRIDAY, OCT. 25. PLEASE ADVISE US OF SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO RECEPTION AND WHETHER, AS AMBASSADOR VERY MUCH HOPES, HE CAN ATTEND DINNER FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION.

6. FUKADA NOTED THAT US-JAPAN SOCIETY HAS ASKED TO HOST LUNCHEON OR DINNER IN SECRETARY'S HONOR AT ANY CONVENIENT TIME DURING HIS STAY. SECRETARY OF SOCIETY HAS EXTENDED TO EMBASSY INVITATION FOR LUNCHEON OR DINNER IN SECRETARY KISSINGERS HONOR. EMBASSY RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD CONVEY INVITATION BUT THAT IT DOUBTFUL SECRETARY'S TIGHT SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT HIM TO ACCEPT.

7. FUKADA ASKED US ABOUT TIMING OF SECRETARY'S RETURN VISIT ON OCT. 30. HE POINTED OUT THAT OHIRA WILL BE ALMOST COMPLETELY OCCUPIED ON OCT. 30 WITH AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL MEETING AND PRESENCE IN TOKYO OF PRIMIN WHITLAM AND PARTY. FUKADA POINTED OUT THAT ONLY TIME NOT YET COMMITTED FOR OHIRA IS 4:45 TO 6:00 PM. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CHECK OUT TANAKA'S SCHEDULE FOR THAT DAY. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST SECRETARY'S APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL TIME.

8. FUKADA NOTED THAT WHILE HE EXPECTED NO DIFFICULTIES WITH SECRET

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SCHEDULE AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, HIS COMMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE PENDING DEFINITIVE DECISIONS BY TANAKA AND OHIRA WHEN THEY RETURN TO TOKYO OCT. 11. HE PROMISED TO GIVE US FIRM COMMITMENTS ASAP.

9. JAPANESE PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA TOPICS ARE SUBJECT OF SEP-TEL.

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